

**Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency**

**Council of Officials  
Regular Meeting  
March 13, 2019**

The March 13, 2019 Council of Officials meeting was held at the Beacon Hills restaurant in Omaha, NE. Doug Kindig, President, opened the meeting by welcoming all Council members and guests. The lunch started at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow at 11:45 a.m.

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION

Members Present:

Troy Anderson	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha
Clare Duda	Commissioner, Douglas County
Dawn Goodsell	Mayor, City of Neola
Deb Hale	Councilmember, City of La Vista
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Don Kelly	Commissioner, Sarpy County
Doug Kindig - President	Mayor, City of La Vista (conceded voting privileges to Hale for this meeting)
Stephanie Mueller	Substitute for Mark Doyle, Metropolitan Utilities District
Daniel Owens	Director of Planning & Engineering, Omaha Airport Authority
Dave Pantos	Board of Governors Trustee, Metropolitan Community College
Tom Richards	Manager of Governmental & Community Affairs, OPPD

Others:

Brad Anderson	Iowa State Director, AARP
Connie Benjamin	Nebraska State Director, AARP
Jeremy Bowers	Rail Manager, OPPD
Patrick Boyle	Community Relations Director, Metropolitan Community College
Cora Kroeger	Acquisitions Director, Omaha Municipal Land Bank
Cindy Miserez	Finance Director, City of La Vista
Matt O'Riley	HGM Associates
Joey Sechrst	Communications Specialist, Omaha Municipal Land Bank
Matt Selinger	Transportation Program Manager, HDR

MAPA Staff:

Natasha Barrett	Sue Cutsforth	Melissa Engel	Don Gross
Michael Helgerson	Karna Loewenstein	Kelly Shoff	Jeff Spiehs
Emily Sneller	Greg Youell		

B. APPROVAL OF THE November 14, 2018 MEETING MINUTES – (ACTION)

MOTION by Goodsell, SECOND by Hike to approve the November 14, 2018 minutes.  
Motion Carried.

C. MAPA AGENCY REPORTS – (INFORMATION)

1. Executive Director's Update

Mr. Youell gave a brief update on transportation planning activities including timelines for funding and call for projects. Updates on the current projects being worked on by the Smart Cities Lab group was also given. Mr. Youell mentioned the upcoming Heartland 2050 Summit featuring keynote speaker Katharine Kelleman on May 8, 2019. Updates on community development and planning were given including updates on workforce housing in Blair. Lastly, Mr. Youell provided updates on Cass County joining MAPA.

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2. FY 2020 Draft Work Program Priorities

Mr. Youell provided updates for the FY 2020 Work Program Priorities including ongoing projects and transportation plans. Discussion on implementing Heartland 2050's action plan was also given along with continuing efforts with Block Talks.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Elections – (ACTION)

a. Council of Officials President

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Hale to nominate Clare Duda as the Council of Officials President.

b. Council of Officials Vice President

MOTION by Hale, SECOND by Hike to nominate Dawn Goodsell as the Council of Officials Vice President.

c. No other nominations were brought forward.

The slate of Duda, President and Goodsell, Vice President was put to vote.  
MOTIONED Carried.

E. AARP Presentation - Livable Communities

Speakers Connie Benjamin and Brad Anderson gave an overview of AARP and their continuing efforts into creating livable communities for the current and future aging American population. Following the presentation, questions and comments were given from the member and guests.

F. COMMUNITY REPORTS –

Mayor Rusty Hike gave updates on staff changes and ongoing projects with the City of Bellevue. Mr. Tom Richards from OPPD also gave updates on how flooding has affected OPPD and other current projects.

G. ADJOURNMENT – (ACTION)

President Kindig adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.